

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at
Drefach Welfare Hall on Monday, 9th April, 2018, at 7.00p.m.

193.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Cllrs Wyn Edwards (Chair), Simon Martin (Vice Chair), Nia Lewis, Clive Green, Anthony Rees, Aled Vaughan Owen, David Evans, Iestyn Llwyd, Andrew King, Wynne Jones,
- Others: Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council, Mr Hefin Jones, Translator.
- Apologies for absence: Cllrs Brian Kirby, Darren Price, Terry Jones and Tina Jukes.

193.1 Welcome

- The Chair welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 7.00p.m.

194.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- Declarations of personal, but not prejudicial interests, were declared in matters relating to the proposed new school by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen as a member of the County Council.
- The meeting was advised that a dispensation had been received to enable the above named to participate and vote in any matter relating to the proposed new school.
- Cllr Nia Lewis declared a personal interest in a planning application relating to developments in Heol Caegwyn.
- **Resolved:** That the declarations of interest be recorded.

195.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Simon Martin and seconded by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to items 198.1 relating to the proposed new school at Gorslas as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'
- **Resolved:** The motion was agreed unanimously.

196.0 Agenda Item 4 Consider the Minutes of the March Meeting.

- Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes for both meetings for accuracy, including the notes on the exempted items.
- It was proposed by Cllr Clive Green and seconded by Cllr Anthony Rees that the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March, 2018, were correct.
- **Resolved:** That the minutes be approved and confirmed as an accurate record of the discussions and decisions made.

197.0 Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- An update was provided in relation to the following matters: -

Item	Update
Cefneithin Hall Lease	Draft lease forwarded to association for comment
Cefneithin Hall Clothes Bank	Letter granting permission sent
Dyfed Powys Police - Data	Further reminder letter sent to Commissioner
One Voice Wales – Subscription	Membership renewal form submitted.
Contracts	Grass Cutting: Agreement to extend until 31.03.19. On existing terms and conditions. Park Inspection: Draft SLA document received from County Council.
General Data Protection Act	Meeting for Clerks and Members had been held at Penygroes 27/03/18. Further information under agenda item 6.0
Cefneithin Park: ownership of adjacent field	Clerk to meet with owner 13/04/18.
Gorslas Park Draft Heads of Terms land sale for new school	Sub Committee met with County Council on 03/04/18. See item 198.1
Gorslas Park. Request for land transfer to Church Rd resident.	Response sent outlining the Council's position and options for resident.
National Toilet Strategy	Response sent to W.G. relaying the Council's support for the proposal.
Brynglas Water Ingress	(i) Clerk, contractor, Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Anthony Rees attended site meeting on 13/03/18. (ii) Scheme for park drainage had been drawn up and costed. (iii) County Council advised of need to clear French drain in public car park area. (iv) Further site meeting 03/04/18 with Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Anthony Rees in attendance. County Council drainage scheme to be extended along boundary of field adjoining the footpath. Work to be undertaken in August.
Gorslas Play Equipment	Missing Boards replaced
Gorslas Toilets Water Leak	Leaks halted. Awaiting replacement parts.
Drefach Toll House	Inspected for Woodworm. Treatment required and instructed.
Planning. Proposed New School Gorslas Park	Observations submitted
Gorslas Park: Lighting Units	Units have been replaced by County Council.

- **Resolved:**

- (i) To receive, note and approve the actions taken.
- (ii) In relation to the provision of drainage in Drefach Park that the works be commissioned as soon as possible at a cost of circa £ 4,200.

198.0 Agenda Item 6 Parks and General Matters

198.1 Gorslas Park. Proposed New School Draft Heads of Terms.

- It was proposed by Cllr Simon Martin and seconded by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to this item as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'
- **Resolved:** That, in accordance with the relevant legislation, the press and public be excluded from discussion relating to his matter

198.2 General Data Protection Regulation.

- Meeting of Gwendraeth Group of Councils was held at Penygroes and attended by Cllr Iestyn Llwyd and the Clerk. At the meeting it was decided that: -
 - (a) The Secretary to the Group would contact One Voice Wales, the County Council and a firm of specialist solicitors to ascertain whether or not, and at what cost, they could provide an initial audit of policies and services together as well as an annual data officer service.
 - (b) A further meeting of the group to be convened at 7.00p.m. on the 2nd May,2018, at Kidwelly to discuss feedback.
 - (c) Members be made aware of a training package being prepared by One Voice Wales within the next three or four weeks relating to the regulation.
- **Resolved:** Members were grateful for the feedback and following discussion it was decided that the Community Council would: -
 - (i) Await feedback from the Gwendraeth Group meeting on the 2nd May,2018.
 - (ii) Register as a data controller with the Office of the Information Commissioner.

198.3 Annual Dinner for the Community Council.

- Discussion took place in relation to the above.
- **Resolved:** An annual dinner be held, at a venue to be determined, on Friday,11th May,2018. Costs would be borne by individual members.

198.4 Cefneithin Park. Landscaping Wooded Area

- The final stage of the work relating to the levelling of the land had been completed.
- Following a settlement period, stone collection would be undertaken prior to seeding and a review of the drainage arrangements.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

198.5 Cefneithin Park. Swing

- The park equipment inspector contacted the Clerk on the 29th March, 2018, in relation to the need to replace chains for a swing in the near future.
- Clerk met with contractor on site on 30th March, to assess and schedule fitting.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

198.6 Drefach Park. Pod Swing

- The park equipment inspector contacted the Clerk on the 29th March, 2018, in relation to the need to attend to bearing and fitting wear for the swing.
- Clerk met with contractor on site on 30th March, 2018, to assess and schedule fitting.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

198.7 Drefach Park.

- Trimming of Boundary hedges has been completed.
- One communication of thanks received from resident of Brynglas.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

198.8 Gorslas Park Toilets

- No of users 361 for month.
- Following frost damage replacement parts have been ordered at a cost of £455.10 (excluding fitting).
- Report of lock to gent's cubicle having been broken. Contractor instructed to repair.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

198.9 Gorslas Park Boundary Fence with Church Road.

- Due to vandalism the wooden fence on the boundary fence had been damaged.
- The matter has been reported to the Police.
- Contractor instructed to undertake repairs.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

199.0 Agenda Item 7 Urgent Local Matters

199.1 Drefach. Condition of Road Surface Heol Caegwyn to Mansel Arms

- Concerns were raised in relation to the poor condition of the road surface along the stretch of road from Heol Caegwyn to the Mansel Arms.
- The surface had deteriorated considerably recently and concerns were expressed as to the safety of road users and in particular to cyclists.
- It was felt that the matter needed to be attended to before a serious accident or injury was caused.
- **Resolved:** To accept Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen's offer to pursue the matter with the relevant County Council Officer.

199.2 Gorslas. Litter

- The attention of members was drawn to the considerable amount of litter on verges and in areas surrounding the Cross Hands Business Park Development and also the KFC facility near the A48.
- **Resolved:** To draw the matter to the attention of the County Council.

200.0 Agenda Item 8 Members Report External Bodies.

200.1 Drefach and Cross Hands C.P. Schools Federated Governing Body.

- Cllr Nia Lewis provide members with a summary of the main issues facing the Governing Body which included filling a vacancy for a Community Governor from the Drefach Area.
- Members were invited to forward to Cllr Lewis details of persons who might be interested in serving on the Governing Body in such a capacity.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

200.2 County Council.

- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen provided an update for members on issues at both County and ward level in which the County Councillors had an involvement.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

201.0 Agenda Item 9 PACT Report of Meeting held on the 29th March, 2018, at Cross Hands Hall.

- Cllr David Evans provided a summary for members of the issues discussed at the meeting which he had attended together with Cllr Brian Kirby. There were also 5 members of the public in attendance.
- The meeting had been taken by PCSOs Alan Davies and Sharee Treharne.
- Issues discussed included: -
 - An increase in reported thefts of heating oil.
 - Decrease in reported thefts of motorcycle quads.
 - A Trend for the theft of batteries from temporary traffic lights.
 - Threat to kill incident
 - Reports of alleged speeding in the Cefneithin area by quarry lorries and also Pizza delivery providers.
 - Detailed breakdown of crime statistics by ward were not available.
 - Cuppa with Copper events were reported as being successful although there were difficulties with attendance at the Cefneithin event where attendance was extremely poor. It was felt the timing of the event could be a factor.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

202.0 Agenda Item 10 Correspondence.

202.1 Consultation.

No	From	Subject
202.2	W.G.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welsh Govt advise of consultation by H.M. Treasury relating to the possibility of a tax being imposed on single use plastic waste.• Consultation document available on HM Treasury website• Deadline for Response 18.08.18
202.3	W.G.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening Local Government in Wales - Green Paper• Consults on options for re-organising Local Government.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Principal Authorities it includes options: - • Allowing Voluntary Mergers of Principal Councils. • Phased Approach to the mergers of Principal Councils from 2022 to 2026. • Single Merger Programme in 2022. • The proposal in respect of Carmarthenshire County Council would see it merger with Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire County Councils to form a new County Council. • Views are sought on the proposals, how regional working could be made easier as well as any issues or costs which would arise from the adoption of the different options. • In respect of Community and Town Councils it was noted that a review of the functions of such Authorities is underway with a final report expected in October,2018.
202.4	Hywel Dda University Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to attend a stakeholder reference group workshop on healthcare services in the boards area. • Event is on Friday 27/04/18 at 1.00p.m. and will be held at Whitland Town Hall,1 King Edward Street Whitland

202.5 General Correspondence

No	From	Subject
202.6	Hywel Dda CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting views from anyone affected by the decision by Ash Grove Medical Centre, Llanelli, to stop providing NHS treatments.
202.7	Menter Cwm Gwendraeth/Elli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefneithin. Noson Lawen Cefneithin Hall Friday, 4th May,2018. Dilwyn Morgan, Noel James, Beth Celyn,Sianny Thomas and Aled Richard. Tickets £7. • Drefach. Neuadd Y Gwendraeth. Bryn Fon and his band. Friday 18th May,2018. Tickets £15. • Tickets available from Menter Cwm Gwendraeth/Elli
202.8	David James	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A scanned copy of a postcard produced by J James, Newsagent, Cross Hands of players using the tennis courts at Cefneithin had been received by the Clerk.
202.9	Came and Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise they are providing sponsorship to One Voice Wales and also that they provide insurance cover for Local Councils.
202.10	Welsh Hearts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drefach Defibrillator. A free training session on the use of CPR and the defibrillator is being held by the association at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 19th April,2018 at Canolfan Carwyn.
202.11	Auditor General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message on the importance of audit. • Highlight that audit is a legal requirement in Wales.
202.12	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report “Showcasing tackling Loneliness” available from Clerk • Grants of up to £1k available for activities to mitigate loneliness and isolation within communities

- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.0 Agenda Item 11 One Voice Wales.

203.1 March Newsletter

- A copy of the latest newsletter has been circulated electronically to members however a hard copy is available upon request to the Clerk.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.2 Motions For 2018 Annual General Meeting on Saturday 29th September,2018.

- Members are invited to put forward motions for consideration at the A.G.M.
- The motion must: -
 - Refer to a National issue or problem.
 - Be accompanied by a short explanatory note (150 words)
 - Any draft motion accepted by the motions committee then the name of the proposer and of the seconder, who must be from a different Authority, have to be provided.
 - The proposer and seconder must be present at the AGM.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.3 One Voice Wales Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Feedback.

- Electronic copy of report available from the Clerk. Covers self-referral by patients to audiology clinic, a draft three-year plan and new patient initiative.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.4 OVW/ SLCC Joint Event at Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells 16th May,2018.

- This is the sixth such event and subjects for discussion will include:
 - (i) The Review of Local Councils in Wales
 - (ii) Financial Governance and Accountability.
 - (iii) Devolution of Services to Local Councils.
 - (iv) General Data Protection Regulations and Cyber security.
- Cost £ 75 per delegate.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.5 Carmarthen C.C. Key Stakeholders Forum – Local Development Plan.

- One Voice Wales are seeking nominations for representatives to become members of the forum which will review and have input into the 2018 to 2033 LDP.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.6 Sports Wales Fields in Trust.

- The scheme is intended to secure, in perpetuity, 50 sites across the U.K. to secure recreational spaces and support community activation.
- There are 5 grants of £5k for Organisations in Wales to apply for which support programmes of physical activities in parks which are registered and included within the Fields in Trust programme. Closing date 8th June,2018.

- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.7 Training Course. Wellbeing of Future Generations Course/Sustainability

- Carmarthen 17/04/18 at St Peters Civic Hall 6.30 p.m. Cost £ 40 per delegate.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.8 Area Committee Meeting

- Notification that the meeting for 11/04/18 has been postponed until 09/05/18.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.9 Response to Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales.

- The association has forwarded a response on behalf of its members which includes the following issues in relation to future responsibilities of Community/Town Councils: -
 - Being asset-based leaders.
 - Achieving Fairness for Everyone.
 - Empowering Local Governance.
 - Increasing resources for community benefit.
 - Enjoying locally relevant services.
 - Enriching social capital and well-being.
 - Valuing local distinctiveness.
 - Developing reliable infrastructure
 - Enhancing Environmental capacity.
 - Supporting a dynamic local economy.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

203.10 One Voice Wales Innovative Practice National Awards

- The following Authorities received awards at the National Awards Ceremony
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

204.0 Agenda Item 12 Planning Matters

204.1 Planning Applications.

- A declaration of personal but not prejudicial interest was made by Cllr Nia Lewis, as a resident in Heol Caegwyn, with regard to application W/36964. Cllr Lewis took no part in the discussion or decision relating to the application.

No /Ref	Type and Description	Location
W/36964	Full Planning: Construction of 3 detached dwellings.	Land adjacent to Heol Caegwyn, Drefach, SA14 7BB
W/36971	Variation of planning condition(s). Variation of planning condition 2 on W16382(plans).	Site adjacent to 29 Heol Y Dre, Cefneithin.

W/36597	Outline- Amended Plan. Single Residential dwelling unit.	Land adjacent to Barafundle, Heol Dinefwr, Waundeg Rd, Foelgastell, SA14 7EH
W/36959	Non-Material Amendment to W/32959.	Land off Heol Cwmmawr, Drefach, SA14 7AG.
W/36960	Full Planning for two double storey dwellings.	Land at Heol Caegwyn, Drefach, SA14 7BB
W/37030	Variation Planning Condition 2 of W/23550.	Plot adjacent to Clos Aneirin, Carmarthen Road, Cross Hands, SA14 6DQ.
W/37031	Full Planning. Two storey side extension and detached double storey garage	Neuadd Wen, Black Lion Rd, Gorslas, SA14 6RU.
W/37035	Full Planning. Construction of two storey side/rear extension	Redfields, Drefach, SA14 7AP
W/37036	Full Planning. Demolition of existing ground floor lean to. Construction of two storey extension and first floor extension over single storey flat roof existing extension at rear.	47 Penygroes Road, Gorslas, SA14 7 LD

- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

204.2 Section 106 Monies Cae Coch Drefach

- The County Council have confirmed that they have received an amount of £ 10,000 as section 106 monies for recreational play area. Further funding will be available in as the development proceeds and the units occupied.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and to await the provision of the remaining monies due under the agreement prior to submitting a bid to the County Council for the release of the funds.

205.0 Agenda Item 13 Finance.

205.1 Finance Payments

Payments Made to Creditors

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Spencer Environmental	Grass Cutting Charge February	1,476.07
DANFO	P Conv Cleaning March	432.00
WCVA	Payroll March	22.20
Clerk	Wages March	893.20
Bus Shelter Cleaner	Wages March	17.48
TBM	Litter March/ Part Cefn Drain	1,000.00
Carms C.C.	Parks Inspection 2017/18	3,255.60
Drefach Welfare	Hire Hall March	10.00
HMRC	Qtr 4 Eee and Er Contributions	1,201.40

Dyfed Pensions	Qtr 4 Eee and Er Contributions	1,462.29
SWALEC	Gorslas Toilets Charges	45.30
Menter Gwasanaethau	Translation Services	421.80
Thomas Fattorini	Chairs Ribbon of Office	48.46
Welsh Hearts	Donation Defibrillator	200.00
Spencer Environment	Grass Cutting Charge March	1,476.07
FLG Services	Levelling of Ground Cefneithin	1,440.00
Menter Gwasanathau	Translation Charge December	117.30

Income

Received from	Description	Amount £
Nil	N/A	Nil

206.0 Agenda Item 14 Next Meeting

- There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.
- **Next Meeting:** Monday 14th May ,2018, at Gorslas C.P. School.